

# HOUSE BILL 1247

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By: **Delegate Hubbard**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists – Dual**  
3 **Licensure Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of exempting certain applicants for licensure as a marriage and  
5 family therapist from certain requirements for licensure; requiring the State  
6 Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to waive certain requirements  
7 for licensure under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain licensees from  
8 serving as a certain member of the Board; and generally relating to the dual  
9 licensure of clinical marriage and family therapists.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Health Occupations  
12 Section 17–306  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2009 Replacement Volume)

15 BY adding to  
16 Article – Health Occupations  
17 Section 17–306.1  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2009 Replacement Volume)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article – Health Occupations**

23 17–306.

24 (a) The Board shall waive the requirements for licensure for an applicant to  
25 practice clinical marriage and family therapy if the applicant:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (1)   **(I)**   Is licensed or certified as a clinical marriage and family  
2 therapist in another state, territory, or jurisdiction that has requirements that are  
3 equivalent to or exceed the requirements of § 17–303 of this subtitle; **OR**

4                           **(II)   MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 17–306.1 OF THIS**  
5 **SUBTITLE;**

6           (2)   Submits an application on the form that the Board requires; and

7           (3)   Pays to the Board the application fee set by the Board.

8           (b)   The Board shall adopt regulations to implement this section.

9   **17–306.1.**

10           **(A)   THE BOARD SHALL WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE**  
11 **FOR AN APPLICANT TO PRACTICE CLINICAL MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY**  
12 **AND SHALL DEEM THE INDIVIDUAL LICENSED IF THE INDIVIDUAL:**

13                   **(1)   IS A LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST, LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL**  
14 **WORKER–CLINICAL, LICENSED CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR,**  
15 **LICENSED CLINICAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR, PSYCHIATRIST, OR**  
16 **PSYCHIATRIC NURSE WHO HAS:**

17                           **(I)   HELD CLINICAL LICENSURE IN THE STATE FOR AT**  
18 **LEAST 2 YEARS;**

19                           **(II)   COMPLETED A MINIMUM OF 3 GRADUATE CREDITS IN**  
20 **EACH OF THE FOLLOWING (15 CREDITS TOTAL):**

21                                   1.   **MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY THEORIES AND**  
22 **TECHNIQUES;**

23                                   2.   **MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY ETHICS;**

24                                   3.   **COUPLES THERAPY THEORIES AND TECHNIQUES;**

25                                   4.   **SEXUAL ISSUES IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY**  
26 **THERAPY; AND**

27                                   5.   **GENDER AND ETHNICITY IN MARRIAGE AND**  
28 **FAMILY THERAPY;**

1                   **(III) PASSED THE NATIONAL MARRIAGE AND FAMILY**  
2 **THERAPY EXAMINATION; AND**

3                   **(IV) AFTER THE AWARD OF THE MASTER’S OR DOCTORAL**  
4 **DEGREE:**

5                   **1. PERFORMED AT LEAST 100 HOURS OF MARRIAGE**  
6 **AND FAMILY THERAPY SUPERVISED BY AN APPROVED SUPERVISOR OF THE**  
7 **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY; AND**

8                   **2. COMPLETED AT LEAST 20 HOURS OF**  
9 **FACE-TO-FACE SUPERVISION WITH AN APPROVED SUPERVISOR OF THE**  
10 **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY; OR**

11                   **(2) IS A LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST, LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL**  
12 **WORKER-CLINICAL, LICENSED CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR,**  
13 **LICENSED CLINICAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR, PSYCHIATRIST, OR**  
14 **PSYCHIATRIC NURSE WHO:**

15                   **(I) HAS HELD CLINICAL LICENSURE IN THE STATE FOR AT**  
16 **LEAST 5 YEARS;**

17                   **(II) HAS PRACTICED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY IN**  
18 **THE STATE FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS; AND**

19                   **(III) IS ABLE TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH THREE LETTERS**  
20 **OF PROFESSIONAL RECOMMENDATION DEEMED ACCEPTABLE BY THE BOARD**  
21 **THAT ATTEST TO THE INDIVIDUAL’S COMPETENT PERFORMANCE OF MARRIAGE**  
22 **AND FAMILY THERAPY.**

23                   **(B) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS DEEMED TO BE LICENSED UNDER**  
24 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT SERVE AS A LICENSED CLINICAL**  
25 **MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST MEMBER OF THE BOARD.**

26                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 2010.